



New Hampshire Institute for Local Public Health Practice at the Manchester Health Department

Core Public Health Concepts

Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals

The following is a list of core competencies for public health professionals, as defined by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice, that are addressed in the *Core Public Health Concepts* course.

At the successful completion of this course, students will be:

Analytic Assessment Skills:

- **Knowledgeable** to define a public health problem.
- **Aware** of how to select and define variables relevant to defining public health problems.

Policy Development/Program Planning Skills:

- **Aware** of the importance in developing mechanisms to monitor and evaluate programs for their effectiveness and quality.
- **Aware** of the importance of preparing and implementing emergency response plans.

Communication Skills:

- **Knowledgeable** about the importance of advocating for public health programs and resources.
- **Proficient** in listening to others in an unbiased manner, respecting the point of view of others, and promoting the expression of diverse opinions and perspectives.

Community Dimensions of Practice Skills:

- **Knowledgeable** about the importance of collaborations with community partners to promote the health of the population.
- **Knowledgeable** of how public and private organizations operate within a community.
- **Knowledgeable** of the governmental role in the delivery of community health services.

Basic Public Health Sciences Skills:

- **Knowledgeable** in identifying an individual's and an organization's responsibilities within the context of the Essential Public Health Services and core functions.
- **Knowledgeable** in defining, assessing and understanding the health status of populations, the determinants of health and illness, the factors contributing to health promotion and disease prevention, and the factors influencing the use of health services.
- **Aware** of the historical development, structure, and interaction of public health and health care systems.
- **Aware** of the importance to develop a lifelong commitment to rigorous critical thinking.

Financial Planning and Management Skills:

- **Aware** of the importance in conducting cost-effectiveness, cost-benefit, and cost-utility analyses.